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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Henry S. Rowen

Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT:

Request for Signature of Covering Letter

to Cabinet-level Officers

The Memorandum to Holders of SNIE 31-81 on Pakistan's nuclear weapons program is now ready for dissemination. This is to request your signature on the covering letter for copies going to the Vice President, Secretaries of State, Defense and Energy, the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Chairman, JCS and the Chairman, PFIAB. (I am sending copies to selected sub-cabinet officials.)

Henry S. Rowen

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The Vice President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As part of the Intelligence Community's ongoing monitoring of nuclear developments in the South Asian subcontinent, an updated assessment (enclosed) of Pakistan's nuclear program was recently completed. Among its key findings: Pakistan will proceed with the development of a nuclear weapon, but President Zia will most likely hold off testing of a nuclear device, because it would precipitate termination of the US security assistance relationship.

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The Honorable George Shultz Secretary of State Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

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The Honorable William P. Clark Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

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General John W. Vessey, Jr. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Department of Defense Washington, D.C. 20301

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